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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the matter of the above-identified application it is desired to make the following amendments to the application for the purposes, *inter alia*, of reducing the filing fee and presenting the subject matter of the application as independent claims.

Please enter the following amendments in the application **prior to calculating the filing fee:**

In the claims:

- ~~claim 3~~, first line, after "claim 1" delete "or claim 2".
- ~~claim 4~~, first line, after "claim 2", delete "or claim 3".
- ~~claim 5~~, first line, delete "any one of claims 2 to 4" and replace the deleted language with --claim 2--.
- ~~claim 6~~, first line, delete "any one of claims 2 to 4" and replace the deleted language with --claim 2--.
- ~~claim 7~~, first line, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and replace the deleted language with --claim 1--.
- ~~claim 10~~, first line, after "claim 4" delete "or claim 9".
- ~~claim 11~~, first line, after "claim 9" delete "or claim 11".
- ~~claim 12~~, first line, delete "any one of claims 9 to 11" and replace the deleted language with --claim 9--.

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